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DORMITION FAST

ON THE MEND: Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Metropolitan Constantine, Patriarch Pavle, Metropolitan Theodosius, Bishop Robert, Father Peter Natishan, Father Gerald Olszewski, Father Jakiw Norton, Father Dragan Filipović, Father Elias Katras, Father Stevo Rocknage, Father Paul Stoll, Father Igor Soroka, Father Michael Mihalick [MS], Father Paul Bigelow, Ollie Pendylshok, Walt & Evelyn Burlack, Joshua Agosto and his family, Harley Katarina Rahuba, Mike and Hilda Holupka, Eva Malesnick, Helen Likar, Stella Peanoske, Joe Nezolyk, Nick Behun, Grace Holupka, Virginia Bryan, Joseph Sliwinsky, Maria Balo, Linda Mechtly, Mary Mochnick, Mary Pekich, Mildred Manolovich, Evelyn Misko, Jeanne Boehing, Alex Drobot, Rachelle, Jane Golofski, Doug Diller, Harry Krewsun, Sandy Gamble, Glen Lucas Burlack, Bernie Vangrin, Mary Alice Babcock, Dorie Kunkle, Andrea, & Melissa [Betty O'Masta's relatives], Mary Evelyn King, Stella Cherepko, Sam Wadrose, Cameron [a boy in Matt's class], Faith—a 6-year-old girl with rheumatoid arthritis, Isabella Olivia Lindgren—a 2-year-old with a brain tumor, Dillon, Ethel Thomas, Donna, Nick Malec [Maxine's brother], Erin, Jimmy Fennel [7th Grader], Jim Markovich, Jeff Walewski [thyroid cancer], Carol [Lotinski] Rose, Michael Miller, Dave May, Grace & Owen Ostrasky, Alverta, Gary Zurasky, Michael Horvath, Patti Sinecki, David Genshi, Rita Very & family, Sue Segeleon, Mike Gallagher, Mildred Walters, Michael Miller, Mike Pelchar [Liz's brother], Jim Logue—throat cancer, Liz Stumpf, Ester Tylavsky, Ed Jamison, Theodore Nixon, Charles Johnson, Amy Forbeck, Michelle Corba Kapeluck, Gloria Prymak [Liz's niece], Robert Hippert & family, Margaret Vladimir, Luke Emmerling, John Sheliga, Sabrina, George & Mika Rocknage, Elizabeth Mitchell, Robert McKivitz, Cliff Dow, Marjorie Pershing, Robert Paouncic, Tim Monta, Amy Kemerer, Tom Marriott, Joe Farkas, Liz Obradovich, Liz, Adam, Helen Pytlak, Timothy Sams, Halyna Zelinska [Bishop Daniel's mother], Mary Ann, and Daria Masur. **ARNOLD:** Stefania Lucci, Ann Ostaffy, Steve Sakal, Homer Paul Kline, and Steve Ostaffy. We pray that God will grant them all a speedy recovery.

*****BLESSING OF FLOWERS AFTER THE PARASTAS—IN HONOR OF THE DORMITION*****

Tone 2

I Corinthians 9:2-12

Matthew 18:23-35

Parastas in Blessed Memory of Agnes Rossi—Liz Obradovich

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DORMITION FAST

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**HOLY 7 YOUTHS OF EPHEBUS: MAXIMILIAN,
JAMBLICUS, MARTINIAN, JOHN, DIONYSIUS,
EXACUSTODIAN-CONSTANTINE, & ANTONINUS, MARTYR
EUDOCIA OF PERSIA, MARTYR ELEUTHERIUS OF
CONSTANTINOPLE, NEW HIEROMARTYR COSMAS OF
ATIOLIA-EQUAL-TO-THE-APOSTLES**

TROPARION—TONE 8

Thou didst descent from on high, O Merciful One!
Thou didst accept the three-day burial to free us from our sufferings!
Our Lord, our Life and Resurrection, Glory to Thee

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and
unto ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION—TONE 8

By rising from the tomb,
Thou didst raise the dead and resurrect Adam.
Eve exults in Thy Resurrection,
And the world celebrates Thy Rising from the dead,
O greatly Merciful One!

PROKEIMENON—TONE 8

READER: Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!

PEOPLE: **Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!**

READER: In Judah, God is known; His name is great in Israel!

PEOPLE: **Pray and make your vows before the Lord our God!**

READER: Pray and make your vows.

PEOPLE: **Before the Lord our God!**

ALLELUIA VERSES—TONE 8

Come let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!

Let us come before His face with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with psalms.

Decisions on Some Palestinian and Jordanian Communities in the USA

New York, NY - After a long process that began in 1993 related to the ecclesiastical status of a portion of the Palestinian and Jordanian communities in the USA, the portion connected to the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, there has been a final agreed decision by the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and the Patriarchate of Jerusalem concerning these communities. The Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Jerusalem Patriarchate have agreed that the canonical and pastoral supervision of these communities and their clergy should belong to the canonically established jurisdiction in the United States which is the Eparchy of the Ecumenical Throne in America, that is, the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. Henceforth, the Patriarchate of Jerusalem no longer asserts any jurisdiction in the Western Hemisphere.

On Tuesday, April 1, 2008, His All Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew received His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos III of Jerusalem, together with the senior member of the Holy Synod of the Jerusalem Patriarchate, Metropolitan Vasilios of Caesaria (Palestine) and other clergy. Final details for the implementation of the agreements were completed, with a mutual decision that these communities come under the canonical jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of America. Following the meeting at the Phanar, His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios of America was directed to proceed with the implementation of the agreements by the creation of a Vicariate for the inclusion of the clergy and communities within the Archdiocese of America. The official name of the Vicariate is: "Vicariate for Palestinian/Jordanian Communities in the USA."

The clergy and communities of the Vicariate will be directly under the Archbishop of America and will report to the Archdiocese through the Vicar. Through the Archdiocese, all of these clergy and communities will be able to participate in the programs and agencies of SCOBA.

St. Seraphim of Sarov/ July 19/August 1

Uncovering of the Relics of Saint Seraphim, Wonderworker of Sarov: The glorification of St. Seraphim of Sarov (January 2), took place in 1903, seventy years after his repose. On July 3, 1903 Metropolitan Anthony of St. Petersburg, assisted by Bishop Nazarius of Nizhni-Novgorod

and Bishop Innocent of Tambov, transferred the saint's relics from their original burial place to the church of Sts. Zosimus and Sabbatius. Tsar Nicholas II and Tsarina Alexandra provided a new cypress coffin to receive the relics. This cypress coffin was then placed inside an oak coffin and remained in the church until the day of the saint's glorification.

At noon on July 16, the first day of the festivities, Metropolitan Anthony offered a Memorial Service for the ever-memorable Hieromonk Seraphim in the Dormition Cathedral. Services also took place in the monastery's other churches.

The next day Metropolitan Anthony and Bishop Nazarius served a Memorial Liturgy in the Dormition Cathedral. At 5:00 that afternoon, the bells of Sarov began to ring, announcing the arrival of Tsar Nicholas and his family. Metropolitan Anthony greeted them and then led them to the Dormition Cathedral for a Service of Thanksgiving.

The royal family attended the early Liturgy on July 18th and received the Holy Mysteries. Later that morning, the final Memorial Service for the repose of Hieromonk Seraphim's soul was offered in the Cathedral. These would be the last prayers offered for him as a departed servant of God. From that time forward, prayers would be addressed to him as a saint. At 6 P.M. the bells rang for Vigil, the first service with hymns honoring St. Seraphim, and during which his relics would be exposed for public veneration.

At the time of the Litia during Vespers, the saint's coffin was carried from the church of Sts. Zosimus and Sabbatius and into the Dormition Cathedral. Several people were healed of various illnesses during this procession. During Matins, as "Praise ye the Name of the Lord" was sung, the coffin was opened. After the Gospel, Metropolitan Anthony and the other hierarchs kissed the holy relics. They were followed by the royal family, the officiating clergy, and all the people in the cathedral.

On July 19, the saint's birthday, the late Liturgy began at 8 o'clock. At the Little Entrance, twelve Archimandrites lifted the coffin from the middle of the church, carried it around the altar, then placed it into a special shrine. The long awaited event was accompanied by numerous miraculous healings of the sick, who had gathered at Sarov in large numbers. More than 200,000 people came to Sarov from all across Russia.

The festivities at Sarov came to an end with the dedication of the first two churches to St. Seraphim. The first church to be consecrated was over his monastic cell in Sarov. The second church was consecrated on July 22 at the Diveyevo convent.

In 1991, St. Seraphim's relics were rediscovered after being hidden in a Soviet anti-religious museum for seventy years. Widely esteemed in his lifetime, St. Seraphim is one of the most beloved saints of the Orthodox Church.

Uncovering of the relics of the Venerable Seraphim of Sarov

Troparion - Tone 4

You loved Christ from your youth, O blessed Saint,
And burning with desire to labor for Him alone,
You strove in unceasing prayer and effort in the wilderness!
You gained the love of Christ through the compunction of your heart,
And were manifested as the chosen of the Mother of God.
Therefore we cry out to you:
Save us by your prayers, O our Father Seraphim!

Kontakion - Tone 2

Forsaking the beauty as well as the corruption of this world, O Saint,
You went to Sarov where you lived as a monk and angel.
You became the way of salvation for many men,
Therefore Christ has glorified you, O Father Seraphim,
Enriching you with abundant healing and miracles;
Therefore we cry out to you:
Rejoice, O Seraphim, our Holy Father!

An Athonite ascetic said: Many university students come and visit this place. At one time, ten of them came asking me to work a miracle. They were very persistent. I was thinking, how could I put some sense into these your people's heads?

So I told them, "Fine, stand in line so that I can cut your heads off. Then I will work the miracle: I will put them back on you again. But keep a distance between you, because there is a danger of mixing your heads and bodies up. Are you ready? Are you anxious to see this wonder?"

They reacted immediately. "No, no! Don't use us, Father," they all said at once.

from An Athonite Gerontikon

Please pray for peace in the world, especially in the area of South Ossetia in the Republic of Georgia. Both Georgia and Russia are predominantly Orthodox countries that have had their share of troubles, both political and economic, over the past several decades. May God open their eyes and hearts to peace soon!

We ask for your prayers for Father Paul Bigelow, pastor of our parishes in Bakerton and Smithmill—in the mountains east of us. He suffered a heart attack on August 6th and had a surgery on the 7th. He is home from the hospital and recovering. May God watch over him and heal him from his illness and surgery!